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### **El Monte man convicted in child sex abuse case**

POMONA – Jurors today convicted a 33-year-old El Monte man extradited from Mexico on child sex abuse charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Deborah Scott of the Pomona Branch Office said jurors deliberated less than a day before convicting Roberto Edgar Torres of one count each of sending harmful matter with the intent to seduce a minor and lewd act with a child under 14 years.

The defendant also was convicted of two counts each of unlawful sexual intercourse or sodomy with a child 10 years or younger, and unlawful oral copulation or sexual penetration with a child 10 years or younger. Jurors found true a special allegation of multiple victims.

Judge Bruce Marrs ordered the defendant to return for sentencing on May 28 in Department L of Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Torres faces a maximum sentence of 80 years to life.

The charges involve a boy and a girl who were abused between January 1997 and March 2009. The female victim was 7 years old at the time of the crimes. The male victim, who at the time of the alleged offenses was 7 or 8 years old, is now an adult, prosecutors said.

Torres fled during the investigation and was not arrested in connection with the alleged crimes until authorities apprehended him in Tamaulipas, Mexico. The case was investigated by officers of the Pomona Police Department.

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